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SUBJECT: FURTHER CUT IN UK SUGAR CROP FORECAST

1. ANOTHER SHARP CUT IN THE UK DOMESTIC SUGAR BEET CROP WAS FORECAST OCTOBER 7 BY THE BRITISH SUGAR CORPORATION.

2. THE CORPORATION HAS REDUCED ITS FORECAST FOR THIS YEAR'S CROP TO 650,000 TONS (REFINED BASIS). THIS IS 100,000 TONS BELOW THE EARLIER FORECAST OF 730,000-780,000 TONS.

3. THE LATEST REDUCTION MEANS A 30 PERCENT DECLINE FROM LAST YEAR'S PRODUCTION.

4. WET WEATHER IS CURRENTLY HAMPERING HARVESTING OPERATIONS. AS A RESULT, THE NUMBER OF BEET FACTORIES OPERATING REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN CUT BACK TO ONLY FOUR OUT OF THE TOTAL OF 17.

5. COMMENT: THE DELAY IN HARVEST WILL NOT HAVE A SERIOUS IMPACT ON THE LEVEL OF HARVEST, BUT WILL DELAY ITS CONVERSION INTO SUGAR TO HELP RELIEVE THE DESPERATELY

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SHORT SUPPLY NOW AVAILABLE AT THE RETAIL MARKET.

6. FURTHER DETAILS AND ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW IN
SCHEDULED SUGAR REPORT DUE SHORTLY.

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